



## BUGLE CALLS, APRIL 2019 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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**1. APRIL 11, 2019 MEETING**  
**DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW AVE., CLOVIS**  
**6:00 Dinner & social hour**  
**7:00 Meeting**  
**PROGRAM: ???**

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**2. UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
**\*APRIL 13-14: MARIPOSA CIVIL WAR DAYS**  
**\*MAY 9: SJVCWRT MEETING**  
**\*AUGUST BARBEQUE AT SHAVER LAKE (Date to be determined)**

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**3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

**BY MICHAL SPENCER**

**Greetings,**

Those who missed our last meeting I talked about weapons of the civil war, which was pretty informative. There was a good discussion after. Our next meeting falls on 4/11/19 Ron will show slides from his trip to Petersburg. I'm still in process of printing a flyer on letterhead to post at all Fresno libraries.

Information regarding the Civil War Conference in November 2019 ( hotel, speakers, registration) can be found at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com/>.

**Civil war tidbit:**

The Bonnie Blue Flag was first introduced as the flag of the short-lived Republic of West Florida in 1810, which became annexed by the United States 90 days after, and later became a banner of the Confederate States at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. The flag consisted of a five-point star on a blue field. When Mississippi seceded from the Union, the Bonnie Blue Flag was flown from its capitol dome and other Southern states that seceded incorporated the motif of this flag into their new state flags. This flag was widely popularized as a symbol of the Confederacy thanks to a man named Harry Macarthy, who wrote the lyrics to the popular Southern patriot song "Bonnie Blue Flag" in early 1861.

Regards,  
Michael Spencer

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**4. AFTER ACTION REPORT**  
**SJVCWRT Meeting of 3/14/19**  
**BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY**

Thirteen persons were present for our meeting. Gail was absent, so there was no treasurer's report. Robin Hyatt donated five books for our raffles. Two were singed by author James McPherson. Thank you Robin!

Michael Spencer presented a talk on Civil War weapons, which was very complete in covering the main small arms used. He told how the weapons had advanced from inaccurate smooth-bore muskets, to rifled muskets, breechloaders, and repeaters. He also had a hand out that listed them, plus had pictures and facts. To supplement the presentation, Mike Green brought his replica 1861 Springfield Musket. Members were surprised by it's weight of 10+ pounds. Also, Mike brought two replica revolvers, Colt Army and Navy models. These were also passed around.

I displayed my Springfield, which showed the use from 30 years of re-enactments and live-fires. I also, showed my replica 1841 Rifle, called the "Mississippi Rifle," as it was first used in the War with Mexico, by Colonel Jefferson Davis's Rifle Regiment. It was a bit rusty when I bought it from a Confederate in 1980, and despite cleaning and polishing, it is often mistaken for an original that had been through the war! In addition I showed the replica Lemat revolver, that was made in France and purchased by many Confederate Generals and cavalry officers. It is a massive piece, with a 9 shot cylinder, and a second barrel, that could fire a shotgun round. We had quite a bit of questions and conversations on the subject. The night concluded with the usual book raffle.

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## **5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

### **From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"**

"During the summer the Virginia farmers, being much troubled by our boys foraging, were apt to conceal their stock and poultry as much as possible. One of the boys exclaimed, upon returning to camp without any spoils, exclaimed, 'There is nothing on the whole plantation, but a yoke of oxen, and they were chained to the bed post in the house!'"

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## 6. 2019 WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Nov. 8-10, 2019 West Coast Civil War Conference  
Sponsored by Sacramento Civil War Round Table  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento

### **Civil War Leadership, 1861 – 1865** **The Strategy, Tactics, and Politics of a Country Torn Asunder**

Our Speakers are:

Chris Mackowski: A Professor of Journalism & Mass Communication at Saint Bonaventure University, & the author of more than 10 books. He works with the National Parks Service & is the founder of the Emerging Civil War Blog.

David A. Powell: A Vice-President of Airsped, Inc., a delivery firm. He has published many articles in magazines & historical simulations of different battles. He specializes & leads tours on the Battle of Chickamauga.

Sarah Kay Bierle: A Managing Editor for Emerging Civil War's Blog. She has spent the last few years researching, writing, & speaking across the Country about the American Civil War.

Paul Kahan: An expert on the political, diplomatic, & economic history of the United States in the Nineteenth Century. Dr. Kahan has published several books & is a former resident of Sacramento.

Jim Stanbery: A retired Professor of Political Science and History at Los Angeles Harbor College, and speaker at the West Coast Civil War Conference for more than thirty years. He is a frequent CWRT speaker.

Theodore P. Savas: Is an attorney, adjunct college instructor, award-winning author, Partner and Managing Director of Savas Beatie LLC. He specializes in military history and the American Civil War.

Edwin L. Kennedy Jr.: A graduate of West Point & former Professor of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College History Department & Combat Studies. He is the leader of staff rides, including the Battle of Chickamauga.

The Conference cost is \$200 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, as well as all sessions. A full hotel breakfast buffet is included for guests staying at the Hotel. Partial day attendance: Friday Only is \$50; Saturday Only is \$125; Saturday Dinner and Lecture Only is \$50; Sunday Only is \$25. There will be a no-host bar set-up Friday and Saturday evenings for your enjoyment before dinner.

For more information, contact Paul Ruud at 530-886-8806 or by contacting [www.sacramentocwrt.com](http://www.sacramentocwrt.com) where information and registration forms will be available. Room reservations are available by calling Crowne Plaza directly 877-504-0054 or <http://www.crowneplaza.com/>. Crowne Plaza Hotel has rooms set aside for us at \$139 per night, plus tax.